



Ballot Layout Instructions and Sample Ballots

PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT LAYOUT

FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY PRIMARY PARTISAN ELECTIONS

Prescribed as required by Section 13-12-201, MCA, in accordance with provisions of Chapters 10 and 12 of Title 13, MCA.

The primary election ballot shall consist of the correspondingly numbered ballots of each political party entitled to nominate candidates at the primary election.

A stub shall extend the entire width of the sheet and be separated from the sheet by perforations allowing the stub to be detached.

The names of all candidates printed upon the ballots shall be in type of the same size and character. When the stubs are detached, it must be impossible to distinguish any one of the ballots from another ballot for the same office or issue. The type of paper, for all party ballots printed, used in each precinct must be the same. If a ballot issue is to be voted on at a primary election, it may be placed on the nonpartisan ballot, after the nonpartisan candidate section if the nonpartisan section is printed at the end of each party's ballot, or on a separate ballot. A separate ballot may be a different size and color than the other ballots in the election, but the stubs shall be numbered in the same order.

On the face of the stub of each ballot and at the top of the first column on the right of the ballot shall be printed the following instructions:

"1. TO VOTE, BLACKEN (●)THE OVAL COMPLETELY. An oval blackened completely to the left of the candidate or ballot issue choice indicates a vote for that candidate or a vote on the ballot issue.

2. To write in a name, blacken the oval to the left of the line provided, and write in the name (or affix a pre-printed label) in the blank space(s) for the write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote.

3. DO NOT CROSS OUT. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS
[VOTE BOTH SIDES]"

The stub must be of sufficient size to allow for the printed instructions and to allow ample room for the printing or stamping of the ballot number.

On the face of the stub of the ballot sheet of each party, for each precinct, district or ward, as applicable, shall be printed or stamped the consecutive number of the ballot, beginning with number one and increasing in regular numerical order to the total number of ballots required for the precinct, district or ward.

At the top center of each ballot sheet, shall be printed in large boldface capital letters the words "**OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT – [NAME OF PARTY] PARTY**" unless the party name is placed on the next line or follows the date of the election. Immediately beneath shall appear the name of the county followed by the date of the election. Below the words a line shall extend the width of the sheet less margins.

Beneath the heading, the ballot sheet shall be divided into columns by lines extending the length of the ballot from the heading. The columns shall be as nearly equal in length as possible without dividing any section for an office and without changing the spacing of the printing.

At the head of the first column to the left shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, the words, "**FEDERAL AND STATE**" with a line extending the entire width of the column below the words.

In Presidential election years, the first office listed under the federal and state category shall be, in boldface capital letters, "**FOR PRESIDENT**". Names of candidates, as certified by the secretary of state, shall be listed in alphabetical order under the boldface, capitalized instruction "**(VOTE FOR ONE)**". A designated voting area followed by the capitalized words "NO PREFERENCE" shall be printed beneath the name of the last candidate. A blank write-in space shall then follow. The names of candidates and "NO PREFERENCE" voting space for the office of President shall be separated from the offices that follow in the federal and state category by a line.

**PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT LAYOUT – FEDERAL, STATE AND
COUNTY PRIMARY PARTISAN ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)**

Beneath the line, the list of federal and state offices for which nominations are to be made at the election, and the names of the respective candidates for such offices, shall be progressively printed down the column and continued to the top of the next column, if necessary in the relative sequence prescribed by Section 13-12-207, MCA, excluding nonpartisan offices.

In governor/lieutenant governor election years, beneath the line above the prior offices shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, the words "**FOR GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR**". Beneath these words shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, the words "**(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)**". A designated voting area shall be to the left of the name of each candidate for governor. Below the name of each candidate for governor shall be printed in capital letters the words "FOR GOVERNOR" and below the name of each candidate for lieutenant governor shall be printed in capital letters the words "FOR LT. GOVERNOR". The section for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be separated from the other offices in the federal and state category by a line.

For other offices, beneath the title of each office shall be printed, in capital letters, the words "**(VOTE FOR [insert the number to be elected to such office])**" followed below by the names of each candidate of the political party for nomination to such office. A designated voting area shall be printed immediately to the left of each name. Below the name of the last candidate, blank spaces shall be provided for write-in candidates, in the same number as the number of votes the elector may cast for that particular office. Each blank write-in space is to be indicated by a line with a designated voting area immediately to the left of the line. Beneath the write-in space or spaces a line shall extend the entire width of the column.

Following the line below the names and spaces for the last office in the federal and state category, the word "**COUNTY**" shall be printed in boldface capital letters with a line extending the entire width of the column below the word. The titles of county offices for which nominations are to be made at the election and the names of the respective candidates for nomination to such offices shall follow, in the relative sequence prescribed by Section 13-12-207 (2), MCA, excluding nonpartisan offices, continuing into the next column, if necessary.

The word "**PRECINCT**" shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, below the line beneath the names and spaces for the last office in the county category with a line extending the entire width of the column below the word. The names of candidates for precinct committeeman and for precinct committeewoman shall be listed under the headings for the respective offices and blank spaces provided in the same manner as for the offices in the federal and state and the county categories.

The proper heading (**FEDERAL AND STATE** or **COUNTY** or **PRECINCT**) shall be printed in boldface capital letters at the top of each column to the right of the first column with the word "(Continued)" printed immediately beneath, in parentheses, as may be necessary for the sense of the ballot. Following the line at the bottom of the section for the last office at the bottom of each column, except the last one on the right of the sheet, shall be printed the words "**VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN**", [and "**VOTE BOTH SIDES**", if applicable] in boldface capital letters, with a line extending the width of the column beneath the words.

If, for example, in the instance of a County Commissioner position, an additional line is required to indicate the commissioner position district number, the line shall appear immediately below the position name.

When there is a short-term and long-term election for the same office, each term shall be treated as a separate office on the ballot. Beneath the title of each such office or the line containing a district number if one is required, in boldface capital letters, an appropriate statement, such as, "**FULL-TERM**", "**UNEXPIRED-TERM**" or "**_____ YEAR TERM**" shall be printed. The long-term office shall precede the short-term office on the ballot.

The names of the candidates for each office on the ballot sheets shall be listed alphabetically as to surname beneath the office titles and rotated in the manner prescribed by Section 13-12-205, MCA. The names of all candidates shall be printed with the surname last.

As nearly as possible, the ballot sheets for each political party shall be substantially in the form described above. An example is printed on a sample page at the end of the instructions. Specific written approval by the Secretary of State must be given for any substantial deviation and received by the election administrator responsible for printing of the ballot.

See Example of Primary Partisan Ballot in Ballot Layout Samples Section

STATE AND COUNTY PRIMARY NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

Prescribed Ballot Format required by Section 13-14-115,
in accordance with provisions of Chapters 10, 12 and 14 of Title 13

If printed separately from the partisan ballots, the Nonpartisan Primary Election Ballot may be printed as a separate ballot of a different size or color but in the same form as prescribed for the ballot sheets for the partisan primary election ballot.

Nonpartisan offices and ballot issues may appear on the same ballot as partisan offices if each section is clearly identified as separate and such nonpartisan offices and ballot issues appear on each party's ballot, after the last office on the ballot and before ballot issues, if any. If the nonpartisan ballot is printed as a section on each party ballots, the heading "Nonpartisan" should be used to differentiate the nonpartisan offices from partisan offices.

If printed as separate ballots, the ballots shall be numbered in the same order as the party ballot and must contain the following differences:

At the top of the ballot the words "**OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOT**" shall be printed in large boldface capital letters.

The nonpartisan offices to be voted on at the election, with the names of the candidates and write-in spaces, shall be printed below the line in the same form as prescribed for the primary election ballot sheets.

The heading for each office shall list the position number for that office, if applicable, and judicial district number for district court judges or the county name for justices of the peace. The words "Nominated without party designation" need not be used, since all candidates on the nonpartisan ballot are nominated without party designation.

If a ballot issue is to be voted on at the primary it may appear immediately after all nonpartisan offices on the same ballot sheet. As nearly as possible, the ballot, if printed separately from the partisan ballot, shall be substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOT

_____ COUNTY
June _____, 20 ____

**FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE # 1
(VOTE FOR ONE)**

() ALBERTA BROWN

() RICHARD JOHNSON

() _____

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 5, DEPT. 1
(VOTE FOR ONE)**

() JOHN POTTS

() JANE RICHARDS

() _____

**FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DEPT. 1
_____ COUNTY
(VOTE FOR ONE)**

() MARY JONES

() SANDY HOUSTON

() _____

STUB (as prescribed for primary ballot)

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PARTISAN ELECTIONS

Prescribed as required by Section 13-12-201 and 202, MCA, in accordance with provisions of Chapters 10 and 12 of Title 13, MCA.

Municipal primary ballots shall be printed the same as state and county primary partisan election ballots, except for the following:

At the top center of each ballot sheet, immediately beneath the perforated stub, shall be printed in large boldface capital letters the words "**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL PRIMARY BALLOT**" and immediately beneath, the words "City or Town of _____".

Party precinct offices are not printed on the municipal election ballots, only on the federal partisan primary ballots.

At the head of the first column to the left shall be printed the list of offices and the names of the respective candidates for such offices as determined by the election administrator pursuant to Section 13-12-207(3), MCA.

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

Prescribed as required by Section 13-12-201 and 202, MCA,
in accordance with provisions of Chapters 10, 12 and 14 of Title 13, MCA.

The municipal primary nonpartisan ballot shall be printed the same as state and county primary nonpartisan election ballots, except for the following:

Unless the municipal primary nonpartisan ballot is printed as party of the municipal primary partisan ballot, at the top center of each ballot sheet, immediately beneath the perforated stub, shall be printed in large boldface capital letters the words "**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL PRIMARY NONPARTISAN BALLOT**" and immediately beneath, the words "City or Town of _____".

At the head of the first column to the left shall be printed the list of offices and the names of the respective candidates for such offices as determined by the election administrator pursuant to Section 13-12-207(3), MCA.

The balance of the nonpartisan ballot shall be printed as prescribed for municipal primary partisan elections except that no party designations are to be used.

FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS

Prescribed as required by 13-12-201 and 202, MCA, in accordance with provisions of Chapters 10 and 12 of Title 13, Montana Code Annotated.

A stub shall extend the entire width of the sheet and be separated from the sheet by perforations allowing the stub to be detached.

The names of all candidates printed upon the ballots shall be in type of the same size and character. When the stubs are detached, it must be impossible to distinguish any one of the ballots from another ballot for the same office or issue. The type of paper for all ballots printed, used in each precinct must be the same.

On the face of the stub of each ballot and at the top of the first column on the right of the ballot shall be printed the following instructions:

- "1. TO VOTE, BLACKEN (●)THE OVAL COMPLETELY. An oval blackened completely to the left of the candidate or ballot issue choice indicates a vote for that candidate or a vote on the ballot issue.
2. To write in a name, blacken the oval to the left of the line provided, and write in the name (or affix a pre-printed label) in the blank space(s) for the write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote.
3. DO NOT CROSS OUT. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

**VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS
[VOTE BOTH SIDES]"**

The stub must be of sufficient size to allow for the printed instructions, the perforated edge of the stub, and to allow for the printing or stamping of the ballot number.

On the face of the stub of the ballots for each precinct, district, or ward, as applicable, shall be printed or stamped the consecutive number of the ballot, beginning with number one and increasing in regular numerical order to the total number of ballots required for the precinct, district, or ward.

At the top center of each ballot sheet, shall be printed in large letters the words "**OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**". Immediately beneath shall appear the name of the county followed by the date of the election. Below the words a line shall extend the width of the sheet less margins.

Beneath the heading, the ballot shall be divided into columns by lines extending the length of the ballot from the line to the bottom margin. The columns shall be as nearly equal in length as possible without dividing any section for an office and without changing the spacing of the printing.

At the head of the first column to the left shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, the words "**FEDERAL AND STATE**" with a line extending the entire width of the column below the words.

In presidential election years, beneath the line shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, words "**FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**". Beneath these words shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, the words "**VOTE IN ONE OVAL**".

Names of candidates, in capital letters, shall be progressively printed down the column, arranged by the surname of the candidate for president. The words "[INSERT NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY] FOR PRESIDENT" and "[INSERT NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY] FOR VICE PRESIDENT" shall be printed below the name of the respective candidates and a designated voting area shall be printed immediately to the left of the name of each party's candidates for president.

Two blank spaces, indicated by lines, with one designated voting area to the left of the first line, shall be printed below the names of the last candidates for president and vice president. Below the first blank line, in capital letters shall be printed "FOR PRESIDENT". The words "FOR VICE PRESIDENT" shall be similarly printed below the second blank line. The section for the offices of president and vice president shall be separated from the other offices in the federal and state category by a line.

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT LAYOUT – FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

Beneath the line, the list of federal and state offices to be filled at the election and the names of the respective candidates for such offices shall be progressively printed down the column and continued to the top of the second column, if necessary, in the relative sequence prescribed by Section 13-12-207, MCA.

In governor/lieutenant governor election years, beneath the line above the prior offices shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, the words "**FOR GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR**". Beneath these words shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, the words "**(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)**". A designated voting area shall be to the left of the name of each candidate for governor. Below the name of each candidate for governor shall be printed in capital letters the words "FOR GOVERNOR" and below the name of each candidate for lieutenant governor shall be printed in capital letters the words "FOR LT. GOVERNOR". The section for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be separated from the other offices in the federal and state category by a line.

For other offices, beneath the title of each office shall be printed, in capital letters, the words "**(VOTE FOR [insert the number to be elected to such office])**" followed below by the names of the candidates. A designated voting area shall be printed immediately to the left of each name. Below the name of the last candidate, blank spaces shall be provided for write-in candidates, in the same number as the number of votes the elector may cast for that particular office. Each blank write-in space is to be indicated by a line with a designated voting area immediately to the left of the line. Beneath the write-in space or spaces a line shall extend the entire width of the column.

The names of candidates for political offices shall be followed by their respective political affiliation. For nonpartisan offices, the words printed below the names of the candidates shall be "Nominated without party designation". If an incumbent judicial candidate has no opposition, the form prescribed in Section 13-14-212, MCA, shall be used, if applicable.

Following the line below the names and spaces for the last office in the federal and state category for the word "**COUNTY**" shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, with a line extending the entire width of the column below the word. The titles of county offices to be filled at the election, including nonpartisan offices, and the names of the respective candidates for such offices shall follow, in the relative sequence prescribed by Section 13-12-207(2), MCA, continuing into the next column, if necessary.

Party precinct offices are not printed on the municipal election ballots, only on the federal partisan primary ballots.

Following the line below the names and spaces for the last candidate office shall be printed, in boldface capital letters, the words "**BALLOT ISSUES**" with a line extending the entire width of the column below the words. The statewide ballot issues shall follow, in the relative order prescribed in Section 13-12-207(4), MCA, and in the sequence certified by the Secretary of State.

Beneath the line, first shall come the name/number of the issue, second the method of placement on the ballot followed by the title as certified by the Secretary of State. **Due to a law change, abbreviated statewide ballot issue language is not permitted to be used.** Any titles provided by the legislature for constitutional amendments and referendums, placed on the ballot by legislative action, shall precede the Attorney General's explanatory statement.

Beneath the title and Attorney General's explanatory statement or ballot title (provided by the Attorney General for initiatives), of each issue shall be printed, in capital letters, the words "FOR [insert statement from certified ballot language]" and below these words shall be printed, also in capital letters the words "AGAINST [insert statement from certified ballot language]". Each of the above phrases shall have a designated voting area to the left of them.

The proper heading (**FEDERAL AND STATE** or **COUNTY** or **BALLOT ISSUES**) shall be printed at the top of each column to the right of the first column with the word "(Continued)" printed immediately beneath, in parenthesis, as may be necessary for the sense of the ballot. Following the line at the bottom of the section for the last office at the bottom of each column, except the last one on the right of the sheet, shall be printed the words "**VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN**", [and "**VOTE BOTH SIDES**", if applicable] in boldface capital letters, with a line extending the width of the column beneath the words.

GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT LAYOUT – FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

If, for example, in the instance of a County Commissioner position, an additional line is required to indicate the commissioner position district number, the line shall appear immediately below the position name.

When there is a short-term and a long-term election for the same office, each term shall be treated as a separate office on the ballot. Beneath the title of each such office or the line containing a district number if one is required, in boldface capital letters, an appropriate statement, such as "**FULL-TERM**", "**UNEXPIRED-TERM**" or "_____**YEAR TERM**" shall be printed. The long-term office shall precede the short-term office on the ballot.

The names of the candidates for each office on the ballot sheets shall be listed alphabetically as to surname beneath the office titles and rotated in the manner prescribed by Section 13-12-205, MCA. The names of all candidates for all offices shall be printed with the surname last.

As nearly as possible, the ballot shall be substantially in the form described above. An example is printed on a sample page at the end of the instructions. Specific written approval by the Secretary of State must be given for any substantial deviation and received by the election administrator responsible for printing of the ballot.

See Example of General Election Ballot at End of Ballot Layout Samples Section

MUNICIPAL GENERAL PARTISAN ELECTIONS

Prescribed as required by Section 13-12-201 and 202, MCA, in accordance with Chapters 10 and 12 of Title 13, MCA.

Municipal general ballots shall be printed the same as state and county general election ballots, except for the following:

At the top center of each ballot, immediately beneath the perforated stub, shall be printed in large boldface capital letters the words "**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL GENERAL BALLOT**" and immediately beneath, the words "City or Town of _____"

A municipal general partisan election that also includes nonpartisan offices must include each partisan and nonpartisan office sequentially as provided in 13-12-207(3), MCA. For nonpartisan offices, the words printed below the names of the candidates shall be "Nominated without party designation". If an incumbent judicial candidate has no opposition, the form prescribed in Section 13-14-212, MCA, shall be used, if applicable.

Party precinct offices are not printed on the municipal election ballots.

At the head of the first column to the left shall be printed the list of offices and the names of the respective candidates for such offices as determined by the election administrator pursuant to Section 13-12-207(3), MCA.

MUNICIPAL GENERAL NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

Prescribed as required by Section 13-12-201 and 202, MCA,
in accordance with Chapters 10, 12, 14 and 27 of Title 13, MCA.

In cases in which all offices on a municipal general election ballot are nonpartisan, ballots shall be printed the same as municipal general partisan election ballots, except for the following:

At the top center of each ballot, immediately beneath the perforated stub, shall be printed in large boldface capital letters the words "**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL GENERAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT**" and immediately beneath, the words "City or Town of _____".

At the head of the first column to the left shall be printed the list of offices and the names of the respective candidates for such offices as determined by the election administrator pursuant to Section 13-12-207(3), MCA. If an incumbent judicial candidate has no opposition, the form prescribed in Section 13-14-212, MCA, shall be used, if applicable.

Party precinct offices are not printed on the municipal election ballots.

The balance of the nonpartisan ballot in regard to candidates shall be printed as prescribed for municipal general partisan elections except that no party designations are used and the words "Nominated without party designation" need not be used, since all candidates on the nonpartisan ballot are nominated without party designation.

GENERAL OR SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Prescribed as required by Section 13-12-202, MCA

The following is an outline format to be followed in conjunction with the specific ballot requirements specified in the statute requiring the special district election or election in any other political subdivision in which a ballot format has not been prescribed.

Special district election ballots shall be printed the same as state and county primary election ballots, except for the following:

At the top center of each ballot, immediately beneath the perforated stub, shall be printed in large boldface capital letters the words "(GENERAL DISTRICT BALLOT or SPECIAL DISTRICT BALLOT)" and immediately beneath, the words "_____ District".

Beneath the line shall be printed the list of offices, the names of the respective candidates for such offices and/or ballot issues as determined by the election administrator pursuant to Section 13-12-207 (3), MCA.

ORDER OF PLACEMENT OF OFFICES ON THE BALLOT

As required by 13-12-207, MCA

Note: In a primary election, partisan offices are placed on the ballot before nonpartisan offices.

In a general election, partisan and nonpartisan offices are placed on the ballot as listed below.

(1) The order on the ballot for state and federal offices must be as follows:

(a) If the election is in a year in which a president of the United States is to be elected, in spaces separated from the balance of the party tickets by a heavy black line must be the names and spaces for voting for candidates for president and vice president. The names of candidates for president and vice president for each political party must be grouped together.

- (b) United States senator;
- (c) United States representative;
- (d) governor and lieutenant governor;
- (e) secretary of state;
- (f) attorney general;
- (g) state auditor;
- (h) state superintendent of public instruction;
- (i) public service commissioners;
- (j) clerk of the supreme court;
- (k) chief justice of the supreme court;
- (l) justices of the supreme court;
- (m) district court judges;
- (n) state senators;
- (o) members of the house of representatives.

(2) The following order of placement must be observed for county offices:

- (a) clerk of the district court;
- (b) county commissioner;
- (c) county clerk and recorder;
- (d) sheriff;
- (e) coroner;
- (f) county attorney;
- (g) county superintendent of schools;
- (h) county auditor;
- (i) public administrator;
- (j) county assessor;
- (k) county treasurer;
- (l) surveyor;
- (m) justice of the peace.

(3) The secretary of state shall designate the order for placement on the ballot of any offices not on the above lists, except that the election administrator shall designate the order of placement for municipal, charter, or consolidated local government offices and district offices when the district is part of only one county.

(4) Constitutional amendments must be placed before statewide referendum and initiative measures. Ballot issues for a county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision must follow statewide measures in the order designated by the election administrator.

(5) If any offices are not to be elected they may not be listed, but the order of the offices to be filled must be maintained.

(6) If there is a short-term and a long-term election for the same office, the long-term office must precede the short-term.

BALLOT FORM AND UNIFORMITY

- ◆ If an appointment has been made to replace a candidate as provided by law, or if a candidate for lieutenant governor has been advanced to the candidacy for governor, after the ballots have been prepared but before the election, the election administrator may:
 - 1) Correct the ballot so that it meets the requirements of the instructions above and the sample ballots below;
 - 2) Have the entire ballot redone; or
 - 3) Have a separate ballot prepared only for the office for which the new candidate is a candidate.
- ◆ Provisions must be made as specified in the instructions above and sample ballots below for write-in candidates.
- ◆ The instructions above and sample ballots below specify the content of stubs on paper ballots. The stubs should be of the same width as the ballot and of a size that is optimal to facilitate their removal from the ballot.
- ◆ Unvoted ballots must be handled as indicated in statute and in the election judge handbook.
- ◆ The number of individuals voting and the number of ballots casts must be recorded on a form(s) or through a system provided by the election administrator for that purpose.
- ◆ The names of all candidates to appear on the ballots must be in the same font size and style.
- ◆ When the stubs are detached, it must be impossible to distinguish any one of the ballots from another ballot for the same office or issue.
- ◆ The ballots must contain the name of each candidate whose nomination is certified under law for an office and no other names, except that the names of candidates for president and vice president of the United States must appear on the ballot as provided in [13-25-101](#)(2).

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT – XXXXX PARTY

[NAME OF COUNTY] COUNTY, MT

June 8, 2010

Remember to use the word "Continued" at the top of each column, where applicable.

The instructions at right are standardized to apply to as many ballots as possible. They may be customized if necessary. They should appear on the stub as well.

"FEDERAL AND STATE" is the proper heading for all federal, state and state-district offices, up to and including legislative.

In some cases, you may have a "VOTE FOR TWO" or similar option, based on the number of spots open.

In such cases, make sure you have write-in spots matching the number to be voted for.

NOTE: If you happen to have at-large positions such as county commissioners that are for different term lengths, put the full-term office(s) first, and then the shorter-term office(s). Indicate which is the longer term by using phrases such as "4-YEAR TERM" and "2-YEAR TERM" or "FULL-TERM" and "UNEXPIRED TERM".

Remember to put "VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN" at the end of each column other than the final column.

NOTE: The stub, with instructions, should be placed at the bottom of the ballot.

	COUNTY (Continued)	NONPARTISAN (Continued)
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS 1. TO VOTE, BLACKEN (●) THE OVAL COMPLETELY. An oval blackened completely to the left of the candidate or ballot issue choice indicates a vote for that candidate or on the ballot issue. 2. To write in a name, you must blacken the oval to the left of the line provided, and write in the name (or affix a pre-printed label) in the blank space(s) for the write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote. 3. DO NOT CROSS OUT. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one. VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS [VOTE BOTH SIDES]	FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> ANDREW JACKSON <input type="radio"/> MARTIN VAN BUREN <input type="radio"/> _____ FOR SHERIFF (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON <input type="radio"/> JOHN TYLER <input type="radio"/> _____	FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, DISTRICT 1, DEPT. 4 (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> JAMES BUCHANAN <input type="radio"/> ABRAHAM LINCOLN <input type="radio"/> _____ FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> _____
FEDERAL AND STATE FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> JOHN ADAMS <input type="radio"/> GEORGE WASHINGTON <input type="radio"/> _____	PRECINCT FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> JAMES K. POLK <input type="radio"/> ZACHARY TAYLOR <input type="radio"/> _____ FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1 (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> THOMAS JEFFERSON <input type="radio"/> _____	BALLOT ISSUES 2008-01 This ballot issue would change local ordinance H-101 to allow for printing of lengthy ballots on scrolls. The estimated savings would be \$5,000. <input type="radio"/> FOR allowing printing of lengthy ballots on scrolls. <input type="radio"/> AGAINST allowing printing of lengthy ballots on scrolls.
COUNTY FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (VOTE FOR TWO) <input type="radio"/> JOHN QUINCY ADAMS <input type="radio"/> JAMES MONROE <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____	NONPARTISAN FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #4 (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> MILLARD FILLMORE <input type="radio"/> FRANKLIN PIERCE <input type="radio"/> _____	[VOTE BOTH SIDES] Nonpartisan offices, if placed on each party's ballot, are placed at the end of the candidates and before any ballot issues. You are not required to do a separate heading for each type of Nonpartisan office – state, county, etc. – although this is permissible.
VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN	VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN	

Ballot issues go after all candidates. You are not required to do a separate heading for each jurisdiction's (state, local, etc.) ballot issues, although this is permissible.

For information on precinct offices, see Title 13, Chapter 38. Precinct offices only appear on the federal Primary election ballot, not on the General election ballot.

NOTE: Do not put precinct committeemen and women on the General election ballot. They only go on the Federal Primary election ballot, and are elected at that

The instructions at right are standardized to apply to as many ballots as possible. They may be customized if necessary. They should appear on the stub as well.

"FEDERAL AND STATE" is the proper heading for all federal, state and state-district offices, up to and including the legislative offices.

Note that in the General election, you will need to put the nonpartisan offices with the other offices, not at the end of the ballot. Also, on the General election ballot, use the phrase "Nominated without party designation" to identify each nonpartisan

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Remember to use the word "Continued" at the top of each column, where applicable.

	COUNTY	BALLOT ISSUES (Continued)
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS 1. TO VOTE, BLACKEN (●) THE OVAL COMPLETELY. An oval blackened completely to the left of the candidate or ballot issue choice indicates a vote for that candidate or a vote on the ballot issue. 2. To write in a name, you must blacken the oval to the left of the line provided, and write in the name (or affix a pre-printed label) in the blank space(s) for the write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote. 3. DO NOT CROSS OUT. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one. VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS [VOTE BOTH SIDES]	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> ANDREW JACKSON DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> MARTIN VAN BUREN REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> _____ FOR SHERIFF (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> JOHN TYLER REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> _____	LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 2000 AN ACT REFERRED BY THE LEGISLATURE AN ACT SUBMITTING A MILL LEVY TO THE ELECTORATE AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE. The Legislature submitted this proposal for a vote. The proposal asks Montana voters to continue the statewide levy. Without voter approval, the current levy will expire. <input type="radio"/> FOR imposing a mill levy <input type="radio"/> AGAINST imposing a mill levy
FEDERAL AND STATE FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> JOHN JAY DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> GEORGE WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> _____	FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DEPT. 1 (VOTE FOR ONE) Shall Justice of the Peace James K. Polk of the Justice Court of the County of XXXX County be retained in office for another term? Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office. Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1 (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> THOMAS JEFFERSON DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> JOHN ADAMS REPUBLICAN	BALLOT ISSUES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1000 AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION FOR A SALES TAX. <input type="radio"/> FOR approving a sales tax <input type="radio"/> AGAINST approving a sales tax	[VOTE BOTH SIDES] Ballot issues go after <u>all</u> candidates. You are not required to do a separate heading for each jurisdiction's (state, local, etc.) ballot issues, although this is permissible. For the <u>General</u> election, the Secretary of State's office will provide to ES&S all the <u>statewide</u> ballot issue language.
FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #4 (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> JOHN QUINCY ADAMS (Nominated without party designation) <input type="radio"/> JAMES MONROE (Nominated without party designation) <input type="radio"/> _____	Remember to put "VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN" at the end of each column, except the final column.	
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This language is used only on the General election ballot for incumbent judicial candidates with no opposition.

NOTE: If you happen to have at-large positions such as county commissioners that are for different term lengths, put the full-term office(s) first, and then the shorter-term office(s). Indicate which is the longer term by using phrases such as "4-YEAR TERM" and "2-YEAR TERM" or "FULL-TERM" and "UNEXPIRED TERM".

NOTE: The stub, with instructions, should be placed at the bottom of the ballot.